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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98

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Sir:

Pursuant to applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find copies of recently discovered documents which might be relevant to the above-identified application. Also enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, listing the enclosed recently discovered documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) are satisfied.

In any event, the following statement is made under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(2)

No item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(c), more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with the documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

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